Witches of IFarboys, was entered on 4th December, being presumably founded on the printed book

Ballads were often published when a sensational book or play came out, and publishers sometimes entered both book and ballad together to secure their double right Thus on 29th August, 1594, Gosson, Millmgton, and Dawson entered a pamphlet describing the execution of Thomas Merry for murdering Robert Beeche and his servant, and at the same time a ballad of ' Beche his ghoste, complaynmge on ye wofull murder committed on him and Thomas Winchester his Servaunt' There are several other instances

(3) *Books entered after printing* Two instances may be noted The first is Greene's *Notable discouety ofCoosenage,* which was entered as *The Arte of Connye katchinge,* together with the *Second pane of Connye katchinge,* on isth December, 1591 Greene in his preface to the *Second part* answered certain objections to the style of the *Notable discovery,* which had therefore been published and criticised before the preface to the *Second part* was written

A second instance is Simon Kellwaye's *Defensative against the plague* (p 217), which is worth following in detail because the evidence is unusually full The book was entered on 2ist March, 1593 An epistle dedicatory to the Earl of Essex is dated 2£th March, 1592 (/ *e.* 1593), the Epistle to the Reader is dated 25th March, 1593 > next comes a commendation of the author by George Baker, dated * from my chamber in Court this 7 of April] I 593 ', finally, the preliminary matter ends with the * Author to the Reader/ noting the faults escaped, and dated 8th April, 1593 The text of the book begins with signature B I, as is usual with first editions, and contains 100 pages of matter, set up mainly in black letter, with many medical prescriptions tabulated in roman and italic, and an index

The history of the book's publication seems to be that as soon, as the text had been set up, Windet took a copy to Stationers' Hall and entered it from the printed title-page, which reads *A defensatwe against the Plague containing two partes or treatises the first, showing the meanes how to preserve vs from the dangerous contagion thereof the Second^ how to cure those that are infected therewith* The entry, except for the words * showing the meanes,' is word for word the same

Next, a few advance copies were assembled, without the preliminary matter, one of which the author sent to the Earl of Essex, others to his fhends Meanwhile the text was checked by Kellwaye, who on 8th April sent in the preliminary matter, corrections, and index

If, on the other hand, this interpretation of the dates is wrong and *A defensattve against the Plague* was entered before printing, it follows that the whole of the text was set up, proofs read, and an index prepared between 2ist March and 8th Apnl, which is quick work

The title of a book as entered in the *Stationers' Register* sometimes varies considerably from that printed on the title-page, but that at other times quite a long title is quoted word for word, or else the beginning